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WELCOME TO
**ST. GREGORY
THE ENLIGHTENER**
ARMENIAN CHURCH

FR. MESROB HOVSEPYAN, PASTOR

MORNING SERVICE: 9:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY: 10:15 A.M.

JULY 20, 2025
EVE OF THE FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION
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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Romans 11:13-24

Matthew 14:13-21

PC MEMBERS ON DUTY:

Joanne Chitjian

George Krikorian

Arek Ohanissian



REQUIEM SERVICE WILL NOT BE OFFERED TODAY.

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Commemoration of Christ's twelve Apostles and thirteenth Apostle - St. Paul

Twelve Apostles elected by Our Lord Jesus Christ, were Christ's disciples and first preachers of His doctrine, as well as the Incarnate Christ's witnesses. "Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out devil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness." These were the names of the twelve Apostles Simeon (called Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddeus, Simon the Patriot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. Later instead of Judas Iscariot Apostle Matthias was chosen, who was added to the group of eleven apostles.

Remaining faithful to Incarnate Christ's last message the apostles went to all peoples everywhere and preached and taught the Commandments of Jesus, baptized them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, thus becoming the founders of the Christ's Church. One of the greatest preachers of Christ's commandments is Apostle Paul, who is recognized by the Christian Church as the thirteenth Apostle.

The section of the Bible called "The Acts of the Apostles" is dedicated to the apostles' activity. And there are references on Apostle Paul's preaching, his person and his activity in his 14 letters addressed to the church communities, established by himself, and individual Christians.

Քրիստոսի 12 առաքյալների և Սբ. Պողոս 13-րդ առաքյալի հիշատակության օր

Հիսուս Քրիստոսի ընտրած 12 առաքյալները Քրիստոսի աշակերտներն ու Քրիստոսի վարդապետության առաջին տարածողներն էին, հարուցյալ Քրիստոսի վկաները: «Եվ նա իր մոտ կանչելով իր տասներկու աշակերտներին՝ նրանց իշխանություն տվեց պիղծ դևերի վրա՝ հանելու դրանք և բժշկելու ամեն ցավ և ամեն հիվանդություն»: Պետրոս, Անդրեաս, Հակոբոս, Հովհաննես, Մատթեոս, Բարդուղիմեոս, Փիլիպոս, Թովմաս, Թադեոս, Հակոբոս (Ալփյան), Շմավոն (Կանանացի) եւ Հուդա առաքյալներն էին նրանք, որոնցից վերջինը եղավ Հիսուսի մատնիչը: Հետագայում 12 առաքյալների շարքում Հուդայի փոխարեն ընտրվեց Մատաթիա առաքյալը: Հավատարիմ Հարուցյալ Հիսուսի վերջին պատգամին, առաքյալները Հիսուսի պատվիրանները քարոզեցին ու ուսուցանեցին տարբեր ազգերի, «մկրտեցին նրանց Հոր և Որդու և Սուրբ Հոգու անունով, այսպիսով դառնալով Քրիստոսի եկեղեցու հիմնադիրները: Քրիստոսի պատվիրանների ամենամեծ քարոզիչներից է Պողոս առաքյալը, որին քրիստոնյա եկեղեցին ճանաչում է իբրև 13-րդ առաքյալ:

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The reading is from the First Epistle of Romans 11:13-24

Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among the others to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember: you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." That is true. They were broken off on account of unbelief, but you stand on account of belief. So do not become arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen but God's kindness toward you, if you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

The second reading is from the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



Graduates of 2025!

GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2024-2025

If you know of any St. Gregory parishioners who have recently graduated from high school, college, or graduate school please notify (or pass the word along and have them notify) the church office or Der Hayr by calling 914-428-2595 or emailing saintgregorychurchwp@gmail.com. Please share with us the student's name, school, special achievements, future plans, etc., so we may share our pride in their accomplishments with our entire parish in the Enlightener Newsletter and eNewsletter. This year's graduates are the following (please let us know if we missed anyone):

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Annika Aslanian

Benjamin Arthur Bazarian

COLLEGE GRADUATES

John Aslanian

Christopher Koobatian

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Greg Mekenian

Congratulations to all graduates!

Please submit the names of any graduates not included on the list.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

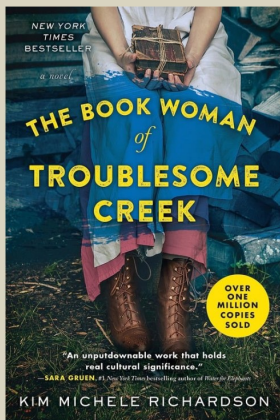
Please note that church office hours will be limited from July 14 through August 1.

Fr. Mesrob will be leading a group of parishioners on the Parish Trip to Armenia on July 14-28. He is expected to return on August 12. If you need immediate pastoral assistance during this time, please contact the church office: 914-428-2595 to leave a message that will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding!

YOU ARE INVITED TO AIDA'S BOOK CLUB
MEETING!

Please join us on Saturday, July 26th at 11:00 am in the atrium as we celebrate our founder, Aida Pisani, and the namesake of our beloved book club



This month, we'll be discussing the bestselling historical fiction novel *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

SET IN 1930S KENTUCKY AND INSPIRED BY THE TRUE STORY OF THE BLUE-SKINNED PEOPLE AND THE BRAVE PACK HORSE LIBRARY PROJECT, THIS POWERFUL NOVEL FOLLOWS **CUSSY MARY**, A DETERMINED PACKHORSE LIBRARIAN, AS SHE BRINGS BOOKS AND HOPE TO THE APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY SHE LOVES.

RSVP TO ELLIE KROLIAN AT: EKROLIAN@GMAIL.COM

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Fellowship Coffee Hour

We appreciate the generosity of the Parish Council members on duty for providing refreshments for fellowship hour today. If you would like to sign-up for a future date to host and sponsor refreshments for the fellowship coffee hour on Sunday, please contact the church office (914) 428-2595.

All-American BBQ

SUNDAY, August 17th, 2025

12:30 pm

Women's Guild Annual Fundraiser

St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605



\$25.pp (\$15. Children ages 5-12, Children under 5 FREE)

All American BBQ Favorites

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac&Cheese, Corn-on-the-Cob, Watermelon, Apple Pie, Brownies, Lemonade, Iced Tea

Invite your Friends & Family to join us* Everyone WELCOME!

RSVP via cell/text: Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072
Please include NAME & number of adults/children in reservation

We appreciate your Pre-Paid Advance Reservations for proper planning before August 8th

All-American BBQ FAMILY FUNDRAISER

Reservation Name: _____ Phone Contact: (____) _____

Number Attending: _____ @ \$25. per person \$ _____

Number of Children ages 5-12 years old _____ @ \$15. per child \$ _____

Under 5 years old FREE _____ *FREE* \$ _____

Optional Donation to St.Gregory Women's Guild \$ _____

Check # _____ Total: \$ _____

payable to: **Women's Guild / St. Gregory Armenian Church**
1131 North Street – White Plains, NY 10605

Not able to attend, but want to support the St. Gregory Women's Guild Check # _____

MEMO: Donation

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. NERSESS



St. Nersess Armenian Seminary is looking for a full-time cook/chef for the upcoming academic year.

Please contact the Seminary office for more information: 914-273-0200.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ST. GREGORY'S
ANNUAL ARMENIAN

Picnic

Come join us for delicious traditional
Armenian food and wine.

21 SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER
12PM - 5PM

LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC, RAFFLES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR
CHILDREN AND SO MUCH MORE!

LIVE ARMENIAN MUSIC BY

John Berberian & Ensemble
DJ Music



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, NOON - 5PM

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PICNIC RAFFLE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025, NOON - 5PM

We appreciate your generous support of our beloved Annual Family Fair and Picnic.
This is a wonderful opportunity to show & share your generous spirit
with family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and everyone in our community!

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$____
In HONOR of: _____
Sponsored by: _____
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GENERAL Sponsorship \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other \$____
Sponsored by: _____
Contact Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

BUSINESS Sponsorship \$250 (bus. name) \$350 (bus. card) \$500 (small message)
\$750 (large message)
BUSINESS Name: _____
Contact Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

THANK YOU from the 2025 Picnic Committee.

Please make checks PAYABLE to: St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
MEMO: 2025 Picnic Sponsor
Method: Check & Online

THREE CASH PRIZE WINNERS

Drawing on day of the Picnic
Winners will be contacted, no need to be present at drawing

GRAND Prize \$2,500
2nd Prize \$1,000
3rd Prize \$500

Note: Balance of RAFFLE ticket income goes directly to
St. Gregory Armenian Church

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!

Donation: \$50 per ticket, 3 tickets for \$100
Payment must be received before 4:00pm on Sept. 21st, 2025

Questions? Need tickets? Contact:
Adriane Keleshian Bonfiglio (914) 649-1072

Please make checks PAYABLE to: St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church
MEMO: 2025 RAFFLE
1131 North Street, White Plains, NY 10605

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>Morning Service & Divine Liturgy. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ghevond Ajamian.</p> <p>Fr. Mesrob is currently in Armenia leading the group of participants on a parish pilgrimage and will return on August 12.</p>
JULY 26 SATURDAY	<p>Aida's Book Group 11 am</p>
JULY 27, SUNDAY	<p>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.</p>
AUGUST 3, SUNDAY	<p>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Arshen Ayvazian.</p>
AUGUST 10, SUNDAY	<p>Guest celebrant: Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mardiros Chevian.</p>
AUGUST 17, SUNDAY	<p>Feast of the Assumption of St. Mary Blessing of Grapes service. All-American BBQ, Women's Guild.</p>
SEPTEMBER 13, SATURDAY	<p>NextGen of St. Gregory (Young Professionals) Social Event. Details to follow.</p>
SEPTEMBER 21, SUNDAY	<p>Armenian Picnic Details inside..</p>
OCTOBER 18, SATURDAY	<p>An Evening of Jazz hosted by the Cultural Committee. Details to follow.</p>
OCTOBER 21, TUESDAY	<p>Trip to the Bruce Museum with The Women's Guild - Details to follow.</p>
NOVEMBER 23, SUNDAY	<p>Thanksgiving Brunch sponsored by the Women's Guild - Details to follow.</p>
DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY	<p>The Women's Guild Advent by Candlelight Tea - Details to follow.</p>